be permitted to cut trees on their lands without Government interfereince.

Reply of Government.—This is not possible.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SUBJECT No. 267.

Artesian Wells.

Mr. Chikkegowda, Maddagiri Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In Pondicherry and Kumbakonum, the machinery for Artesian wells is available and such wells are profitably availed of there. It is prayed that Government may be pleased to take the initiative in sinking such wells in one or two places.

Reply of Government.—Not feasible.

SUBJECT No. 268.

The Bhadra project.

Messrs. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL.B., Advocate, Shimoga Municipality; C. Subba Rao, B.A., B L., Advocate, Nagar Sabha; Nadig Seenappa and Patel Basappa, Shimoga Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Bhadra project may be taken up. The Districts of Shimoga and Chikmagalur have no great water-works. It is said that there is not much need for this as these are Malnad districts. But the area that will be irrigated by the proposed channels of the Bhadra project is the Maidan portion or the semi-malnad portion of these districts. When rainfall is generally scanty, the need for irrigation works is as pressing in these districts as they are in the Maidan districts.

Reply of Government.—The suggestion is a good one and will be considered favourably.

SUBJECT No. 269.

Levy of acreage contribution in place of compulsory labor by raiyats to tanks.

Messrs. Krishna Iyengar, Turuvekere Sub-Taluk, and Singrachar, Kunigal Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The raiyats are responsible for the annual earth-work to major and minor tanks and to channels. But the simultaneous attendance of all the raiyats at the required time cannot be expected. It is prayed therefore that instead of raiyats being compelled to do such works all at once, Government may undertake the execution of periodical repairs and the cost thereof proportionately assessed and recovered from raiyats along with revenue khist collections.

Reply of Government.—This is no doubt a good idea and is already under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 270.

Raiyats to be relieved of the liability to remove silt from tanks and channels and to do the necessary earth-work.

Mr. T. Narasimha Iyengar, Member, Kadur District Board.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that raiyats may not be asked to do the work of removing silt from tanks and channels.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* reply to Subject No. 269. The raiyats are never required to remove silt from tanks; they are only required to clear silt from feeder and distribution channels and do the necessary earth-work for the maintenance of tank and channel bunds.

SUBJECT No. 271.

Cessation of the demand for contribution by the raiyats.

Messrs. Srinivasa Rao and Rama Rao of Malur.

Summary of discussion.—The raiyats having been put to a great loss by the breach of the tanks on account of the heavy floods, it was represented last year that the demand for contribution should not be made and this was accordingly promised. It is prayed that the demands which are now being made may be stopped.

Reply of Government.—The question has since been finally disposed of. (*Vide* Government Order No. R. 3335-6—Mis. 504-04-2, dated 11th September 1905. Such individual cases cannot affect the general rules.)

SUBJECT No. 272.

Contract of tank works to be given to the big wet land-holders.

Messrs. Srinivasa Rao and Rama Rao of Malur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that the contract work of the major and minor tanks may be given out to the big wet land-holders possessing lands thereunder.

Reply of Government.—The existing orders meet all wants.

SUBJECT No. 273.

Contracts of Public Works to be given to local men.

Mr. Sreekantaiya, Maddagiri Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In Subject No. 363 of Dasara Representative Assembly Proceedings of 1893, Government have ordered that contracts of Public Works should be given to local men. But no attention is paid to this order and the foreigners are chosen as contractors who execute these works as early as they can with no regard for their stability. It is prayed that strict adherence of Standing Orders may be enjoined.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* Subject No. 272.

SUBJECT No. 274.

Annual repairs to nalas.

Messrs. Amble Annaiya Pandit, Member of the District Board, Mysore.

Summary of discussion.—The annual repairs to nalas should be entrusted to the raiyats possessing lands under them. If they refuse to take up contracts, it is requested that orders may be issued to take measurements in the presence of two or three important land-holders to show that earth-work has been executed by the Nala Department to the satisfaction of the raiyats.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* reply to Subject No. 272.

SUBJECT No. 275.

Construction of Madavois or sluices.

Messrs. Tirumarana Iyengar, Padmarajaiya and Krishnappa, Channarayapatna Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The want of some system regulating the size, etc., of sluices has been the source of much trouble and quarrels among the raiyats. The size of sluices may therefore be determined in proportion to the quantity of water required for lands thereunder. The sluices may be constructed of brick and mortar by the Public Works Department, the annual repairs also being undertaken by that Department at the cost of the raiyats concerned. Persons damaging such sluices may be rendered liable to punishment under the channel rules.

Reply of Government.—This is a matter well worth consideration. Will be referred to the Public Works Department.

SUBJECT No. 276.

Bridging the Cauvery between Konanur and Frazerpet.

Mr. Lakshminarasimhachar, Hassan District Board.

Summary of discussion.—There is a bridge near Yedatore across the Cauvery river. Many people who have to travel from Hassan to Mercara have to undergo difficulties, there being no bridge over the Cauvery between Konanur and Frazerpet, which may be ordered to be constructed. If it is expedient or necessary, consent of the Coorg Government may be obtained to pay half the cost, as the Coorg subjects are also equally benefited by the construction of the bridge.